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From an American Father

Letter from a father to an only son, a simple and typical expression of the broad-minded patriotism and good sense of American fatherhood.

My dear Boy:

In the matter of the Reserve Training Camp enlistment for service, follow your conviction of duty without fear or favor. Of course, your mother and I have had our anxieties and our heartaches over it all, as have thousands of other parents. But, from the first, we have held ourselves ready cordially to support you in whatever decision you should make. We have felt that you would decide for yourself, or leave the decision to the fortunes of the selective draft, as in your judgment was best.

We still want you to make the choice for yourself. There can be no doubt that in all questions of service and sacrifice the only true course is to reason the matter out with conviction, committing all things to Him whose servants we are, and going forward with calmness and assurance of right, not looking back.

I think all thoughtful and conscientious people are of this opinion, but human nature is not always dependable, and we have not always the strength of character to do even the small things that we should. To determine the right in a big crisis of life is far more difficult when we realize that the choice may lead to danger and deprivation, or to disappointment.

Sometimes duty seems to call two ways, and often the seeming is real. Now and then we have obligations in more than one direction. In such a case, it seems to me that we should take the course that calls to the highest service and the greatest good, as well as we are able to judge it, not permitting personal claims, affections, or prejudices to interfere. The call to war is, we are taught, one of the supreme duties, perhaps the most supreme.

We want to help you to make a right decision. We want to support you in that decision, and we will. We do not want to influence you on personal grounds. We do not want to force you into the service. We do not want to hold you back from going if you think you should. Do right as God gives you to see it. That was Lincoln's motto. No greater authority among mere men ever lived.

I have no doubt that you have filed your application and that you will go ahead.

We proudly go with you—howbeit a bit full up at heart. But there are thousands like us.

Once more, our love—

DADDY.

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BELL Telephone employees are constantly trying to prevent trouble of any kind in the workings of the equipment, and to repair such troubles as soon as possible after they occur.

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If you do not see a man actually working on your telephone, it does not mean that you are not receiving proper attention.

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YOUR INCOME TAX— COLLECTOR COMING

Will Answer Your Questions
—Take Your Money—
Due Jan. 1st.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 19, 1917.

(Special.) You won't have to figure out your own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The Government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to tell you when the governments income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear you to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The Government recognizes" Collector of Internal Revenue James M. Cathcart said today, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms. It recognizes too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a Government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the courthouse at the county seat. In cities where there are collector's branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities, possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them."

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that net income is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income, personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses."

"The new exemption of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker will be required to make return and pay tax."

"The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent, or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law and the government will go to him with its penalties."

A Christmas Blessing.

(By Rev. Howard Duffield.)

May the blessing of the light that shone at midnight come to the hearts that are shadowed and the homes that are dark.
May the blessing of the Manger Cradle come to that innumerable company against whom the doors of hope and peace and rest are shut.
May the blessing of the Holy Child come to every one who has forgotten that thou, O God, art his father and that all men are brothers.
May the blessing of the Guiding Star come to those who wander in the night and cannot find the homeward way.
May the blessing of the Stable come upon all hearts, wakening a kindly sense of kindred with every living thing that walks the field and forest or wings the air or passes along the paths of the seas.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicine for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement. Ackerman-Stewart Drug Co.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided. Ackerman-Stewart Drug Co.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders, Palatka Automobile and Supply Co., will be held at the offices of the Company in the City of Palatka, Fla., on the Second Thursday in January 1918, same being the Tenth day of the month, at Eight o'clock P. M., for the purpose of receiving reports, electing Directors and transacting such other business that may come before the meeting.

Palatka Automobile & Supply Co.

HERBERT CROOK,
Secretary & Treasurer.

NOTICE.

I will be at the following places with the Tax Books to receive taxes on the following dates:
Pomona (Knowltons Store) January 4th, A. M.
Welaka (McLeods Store) January 4th, p. m.
Florahome (Wesemans Store) January 7th, a. m.
Grandin (Padgett Store) January 7th, p. m.
Hollister (Whiteheads Store) January 9th, a. m.
Interlachen (Gillette Store) January 9th, p. m.
Johnson (Johntrys Store) January 11th, p. m.
Baldwin School House January 14th p. m.
Crescent City (Lounds Drug Co.) January 16th p. m.
On above dates the Tax Collectors Office will necessarily be closed.

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We publish the formula of Vinol to prove convincingly that it has the power to create strength.

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Any woman who buys a bottle of Vinol for a weak, run-down, nervous condition and finds after giving it a fair trial it did not help her, will have her money returned.

You see, there is no guess work about Vinol. Its formula proves there is nothing like it for all weak, run-down, overworked, nervous men and women and for feeble old people and delicate children. Try it once and be convinced.

ACKERMAN-STEWART DRUG CO.

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM."

Christmas is the apotheosis of enlightenment. It is the exaltation of childhood. It is the glory of the little child.

We celebrate this festival in bleak December, the uncrowned month in our northern zone, lighting its dull skies by the eternal fires of love in human hearts.

There is not in all this land a home where the rain beats through the roof where the mother and father gather the children more closely to shelter them, but the Christmas truce is shining. "Blessed are the poor."

There is not a homeless boy who in the December night creeps out of the snow into an empty dry goods box in the alley, not a little fellow up under the rafters of the poorhouse on the county farm, not a foundling left in a basket at the rich man's door, not a shivering, tiny girl unfitted for a fight with the storm, but the new truth of the Christmas spreads its wings over them.

"When I am weak, then am I strong." Who is weak? Who is infirm upon his feet and walks with a crutch? Who is afraid of the north-east wind? Who says: "I am better; yes, I think I am getting better. But somehow I do not get my vigor back?" Who leans up against the bale of goods on the half hidden counter and knows that she came back to work too soon? Who was born blind? Who hears the unfeeling call for an iron will and has it not, for a tireless energy and confesses that he lacks it, though he prays to heaven for this force that others have?

To all of you the Christmas has its meaning. There never was a conqueror like the child in the cradle. God hath chosen the weak things to confound the mighty. For 2,000 years the history of the world's civilization has been the story of the gentler virtues, the poem, the song and the triumph of suffering well. The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. Every letter of that sentence is eternally true.

The grandest things that were ever done on earth were done by men and women who had the spirit of the child. The sublimest work of the Creator is the sweet faced little child. It is everything for the child, heaven, peace, all harvests, all cold, all schools, all trade, all government, all the coming better times. Christmas means, "And a little child shall lead them."

The University of Alabama has honored a woman instructor for the first time in its history.

Witness my official signature and seal this 6th day of December, A. D. 1917.

R. J. HANCOCK,
Clerk Circuit Court, Putnam Co., Fla.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of that certain final decree made and entered on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1917, by the Honorable George Couper Gibbs, Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Duval County, Florida, in that certain cause therein pending in Chancery, wherein The American Railway Company, a corporation, is complainant, and John O. Cheatham, as Administrator of the Estate of Charles A. Cheatham, deceased, and others, are defendants (Case No. 7499-B), the undersigned Special Master duly appointed in said decree will offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash in front of the Eastern door of the County Court House of Duval County, Florida, in the City of Jacksonville, Florida, on Monday, January 7, A. D. 1918, the same being a legal salesday and during the legal hours of said Duval County, Florida, and described as follows, to-wit:

Tract No. 2, to-wit:

All the following piece, parcel or tract of land situate lying and being in the town of Crescent City, County of Putnam and State of Florida, known and described as Lots One (1), Two (2), and fractional Lot Three (3) of Block Thirty-five (35) of the said town of Crescent City being the same property conveyed by Mary C. Maull, widow, to Charles A. Cheatham, by deed dated January 10th, 1911, and recorded in Book No. 54, at page 388, of the public records of Putnam County, Florida; and that in the event the proceeds of sale of the said described land shall not be sufficient to pay all of the said several sums decreed in said final decree to be due the complainant, and should said decree not otherwise be paid and discharged, the said Special Master will at the same time and place offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash the remaining parcel of the mortgaged premises, being the following property, to-wit:

Tract No. 1, described as follows:

All the following piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the City of Jacksonville, County of Duval, and State of Florida, described as follows:

Situate at the Northwest corner of Laura and Adams Street, in said City and County and State, beginning at a point on Laura Street, sixty-six (66) feet, three and one half (3 1/2) inches, more or less, north of the intersection (3) feet south of the south line of the foundation of the building erected by Charles B. Spratt, since deceased, running from said point westward parallel to Adams Street seventy two and one half (72 1/2) feet, thence south to Adams Street thence eastward to Adams Street to Laura Street, thence northward on Laura Street to place of beginning, being the same property conveyed by Stella B. Spratt, et al. to William W. Frazier, by deed dated May 9th, 1905, and recorded in the public records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, Clerk's No. 13282, the said tract of land being described in the bill of complaint as Tract No. 1; subject however, to lien and operation of those mortgages encumbering

GUARDIAN'S NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1918, or as soon thereafter as I may be heard, I will make application to the Honorable Judge of Putnam County, Florida, at his office in Palatka, Florida, for authority to sell, at private sale, for cash, and to convey to the purchaser thereof, all of the estate, right, title and interest of R. Theodore Strunz, a minor, in and to all of an undivided one-third interest in and to the following described tract of land in the County of Putnam and State of Florida, to-wit:

Lots 12 and 13 of the Subdivision of Block 80, as per plat thereof filed for record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Putnam County, Florida, and recorded in Book of Maps No. 1, pages 13 and 14 thereof. Said Lots fronting 50 feet on Jones (now tenth) Street, and extending back 70 feet.

Said minor's interest consists of an undivided one-third interest in said land.

Petition thereof now filed in said Court, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1917.

F. H. WILSON,
As guardian of R. Theodore Strunz, a Minor.
Dec. 14-17.

NOTICE.
Annual Meeting—Hastings Drainage District.

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 27, 1917, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. at the Auditorium at Hastings, St. Johns County, Florida, the annual meeting of the owners of the lands situate in the Hastings Drainage District will be held for the purpose of electing one supervisor of said district for the term of three years, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

At such election each and every acre of land in the District shall represent one share and each and every owner shall be entitled to one vote in person, or by proxy in writing, duly signed, for every acre of land owned by him in said District.

HASTINGS DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

By T. R. Byrd,
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A. S. WILLARD, Cashier.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

NOTICE is hereby given that Fannie White purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 149, dated the 7th day of July, A. D. 1913, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law.

Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Putnam County, Florida, to-wit:

NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 19, Township 10, S. Range 23 E. 40 Acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of such certificate in the name of Rodman I. Co. & Mann E. L.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1918.

Witness my official signature and seal this 6th day of December, A. D. 1917.

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the said last mentioned land designated as Tract No. 1 of Charles A. Clark, et al. Dated at Jacksonville, Fla., 4th day of December, A. D. 1917. As Special Master of the Court, I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original filed in my office. J. C. Cooper, Clerk of Court, Putnam County, Florida.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED UNDER SECTION 8 OF CHAPTER 4888, LAWS OF FLORIDA.

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